GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2006
REFORMS IN POWER SECTOR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the States/Union Territories which have implemented power reforms as per the Electricity Act;

(b) the attitude of other States regarding implementation of power sector reforms;

(c) whether the Government has made any review of the outcome of the implementation of power sector reforms as promised in the Common Minimum Programme of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 185 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 04.08.2006 REGARDING REFORMS IN POWER SECTOR.

(a) & (b) : The Electricity Act, 2003 has put in place a liberal and progressive legal framework. Generation has been delicensed. Transmission, Distribution and Trading of electricity are licensed activities. Licence for these activities is to be granted and regulated by the Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

(i) All the States except Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland, have constituted State Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

(ii) Ten States (Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh) have reorganized their State Electricity Boards under their State Reforms Acts enacted before enactment of the Electricity Act, 2003. Assam and Maharashtra have reorganized their SEBs under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. Nine States (Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Kerala, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Tamil Nadu, Meghalaya and Himachal Pradesh) have requested the Central Government under Section 172(a) of the Act to agree for extension of time for reorganization of their respective SEBs which has been agreed to. In addition, the State of Assam has requested for extension of time for their SEB to continue with the limited function of only trading which has also been agreed to.

(iii) As per available information, Consumer Grievance Redressal Forums (CGRF) have been constituted in 16 States and Ombudsman have been appointed in 15 States. Ombudsman is an independent authority to look into the non-redressal of grievances by the CGRFs.

(iv) 21 States have notified rural areas under section 14 of the Act, which provides for taking up composite schemes of generation and distribution without any license.

(v) 23 States have constituted District Committees for coordinating rural electrification, reviewing the quality of power supply and promoting energy efficiency.

(vi) 14 States have set up Special Courts for expeditious disposal of theft related cases.
Details of the States at
(iii) to
(vi) above are at Annexure.

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) : Consequent to review of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Electricity

(Amendment) Bill, 2005 has been introduced in the Lok Sabha.
Central Government has also awarded a study to the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on the impact of reorganization of

State Electricity Boards.